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18 January 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : In-Flight-Refueling Modification to the U-2C

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1. On 17 January 1961, [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] desired a decision on modifications to be made to the KC-135 in order to provide a fuel transfer capability other than the normal tanker system. [REDACTED] stated that he was not aware of the existence of a need for any modifications. In subsequent discussions with Mr. Parangosky, he asked [REDACTED] to call [REDACTED] and have him submit in writing a requirement for tanker mods and the justification for such work.

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2. In the phone conversation, [REDACTED] said he had discussed the [REDACTED] situation with [REDACTED] at some length and thought such discussion should negate the need for written communication. He suggested that LAC and Headquarters personnel should meet to discuss and finalize the approach to the problem. [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] that Headquarters would have a meeting after the return of [REDACTED] and decide if any further meetings are required. Mr. [REDACTED] also stated that an LAC ECP is in the mail at this time to cover the U-2C mods for [REDACTED].

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3. Later in the day, Mr. Parangosky designated [REDACTED] as the Development Branch Project Officer for this program. A cable [REDACTED] was sent to LAC requesting comments on the need, method, and other pertinent aspects of modifying the KC-135.

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4. Background information:

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A. [REDACTED], dated 26 May 1960, stating Mr. Bissell's desire for cost estimates and a proposal to provide air refueling capability in the U-2. States further that Mr. Johnson is proceeding to supply data.

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B. [REDACTED], dated 8 June 1960, estimating [REDACTED] costs at \$50,000 per aircraft (for six aircraft) plus flight test costs.

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C. [REDACTED], dated 21 June 1960, requesting Chief, Materiel Branch, to prepare an Activity Program covering [REDACTED] mods to five (5) U-2C's.

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D. [REDACTED], dated 29 June 1960, quoting cost of [REDACTED] and SSB in six aircraft at \$110,000 each.

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E. [REDACTED], dated 7 November 1960, Activity Program. \$318,000 for [REDACTED] and increased oxygen supply.

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F. [REDACTED] dated 14 November 1960, approval to modify two (2) U-2C vehicles for [REDACTED] and increased oxygen requirement not to exceed \$318,000.00. Cost under separate contract number SP-1922. Flight test costs under SP-1918.

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G. (No number) document hand carried by [REDACTED] quoting cost of [REDACTED] for two ships:

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H. [REDACTED] no date, stating requirement for [REDACTED] modification on 1/J-57 aircraft and 2/J-75 aircraft.

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I. [REDACTED] dated 15 December 1960, to provide [REDACTED] on 2 U-2C's only. [REDACTED] to be installed on U-2C #342 starting 20 December 1960, and on U-2C #358 (or 351) as soon as #342 is complete.

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J. LAC SP-207, dated 13 October 1960, Inflight Refueling Design Study.

K. LAC SP-207 Appendix A, dated 28 October 1960, Simulated Inflight Refueling Tests.

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CURRENT AND PROPOSED OPERATIONS

OPERATION	AREA	DATE	APPROVAL STATUS USAF-AGENCY/STATE	
<u>I. IDEALIST</u>				
25X1A a. [REDACTED]	Indochina	Dec-Jan	Approved	Approved
<u>II. CORONA</u>				
a. 9816		March 1961	N/R	Pending
<u>III. ARGON</u>				
a. 9814A		31 January 1961	N/R	N/R
<u>IV. AIR SUPPORT</u>				
25X1A a. [REDACTED]	Agency plan Iran	Continuing basis	Not presented	Approved-Agency
b. [REDACTED]	Agency plan Laos	Continuing basis	Not presented	Pending-Agency
c. [REDACTED]	Cuba	Continuing basis	N/R	Approved
d. [REDACTED]	China	February 1961	N/R	Pending
e. [REDACTED]	Laos	Continuing basis	N/R	Approved
f. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Pending	N/R	Pending
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**COMPLETED OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD 15-21 JANUARY**

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[REDACTED]

1. One C-124 "white" flight to Guatemala - 16 January
2. Two C-54 "black" flights to Guatemala - 17 January
3. Three C-54 "black" flights to Guatemala - 19 January
4. Two C-54 "black" flights to Guatemala - 21 January

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1. [REDACTED] Mission #3025 - 16 January
2. [REDACTED] Mission #3026 - 18 January

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[REDACTED]

1. Mission TE 69-726 - 17 January

**PROPOSED OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD 22-28 JANUARY**

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[REDACTED]

1. Three C-54 "black" flights to Guatemala - 23 January
2. Two C-54 "black" flights to Guatemala - 25 January
3. Two C-54 "black" flights to Guatemala - 27 January

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